

July 28, 2024  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon and Parmenas, Deacons and Apostles of the Seventy

**Little Entrance: Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 4)**



Ison Hav-ing learned the joy-ful mes-sage of the res-ur-rec-tion from the an-gel, the wom-en dis-ci-ples of the Lord cast from them their pa-ren-tal con-dem-na-tion, and proud-ly broke the news to the dis-ci-ples, say-ing, death hath been spoiled. Christ God is ris-en, grant-ing the world great mer-cy.

**Troparion for St. Raphael of Brooklyn (Tone 3)**

Rejoice, O Father Raphael, Adornment of the holy Church! Thou art Champion of the True Faith, Seeker of the lost, Consolation of the oppressed, Father to orphans and Friend of the poor, Peacemaker and good Shepherd, Joy of all the Orthodox, Son of Antioch, Boast of America. Intercede with Christ God for us and for all who honor thee.

**Kontakion of the Transfiguration (Tone 7)**

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that Thy suffering was voluntary, and could

declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

**The Prokeimenon**

*How great are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all. Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

**Epistle**

**Romans 10:1-10**

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that it may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that everyone who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says: Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into Heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

**Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 8:28-9:1**

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met Him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have we to do to Thee, O Son of God? Art Thou come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged Him, "If Thou castest us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they begged Him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat He crossed over and came to His own city.



**Holy Bread:** Kh Meleah Palke/Carol Ofiesh

**Commemorations(Living):** Fr Michael, Pr Vicki, John, Corgie, Karen, Maher, Fabiola, Christopher, Steven, Jonathan, Jaime, Justin, George, Joan, Fr Tom, Kh Meleah, Stephen, Carol, Michael, Joel, Lisa, Danny, Asa, Cody, Max, Levi, Courtney, Nina, Kenneth, Alex, Christina, Beth, Janni, Dominick, Yina, Lauren, Rashid, Hala, Irina, Alex, Lauren, Aaron, Adam, Atticus, Gabriela, Antonina, Fr. Vladimir Paul, all Orthodox missionaries, the suffering believers everywhere.

**Departed:** James, Laura, Jean, Fran, Kendall

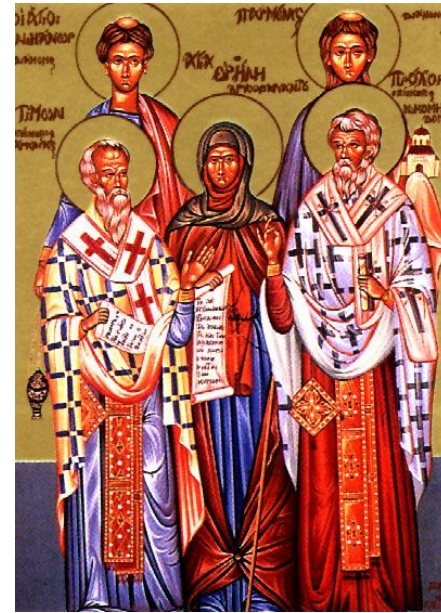
**Know your faith (from last week) .** On August 6 we observe the Feast of the Transfiguration. On August 15 we observe the Feast of the Dormition. In today's Epistle St. Paul says that "now you have been "set free from sin, and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." In today's Gospel, who approached Jesus with a request for healing? A Centurion. For whom did he make this request? His servant. (T/F) Jesus hesitated because He wanted to see if the man had faith. The man said: "I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed." What did Jesus say about this man's faith? Even in Israel I have not found such a faith. (T/F) Jesus traveled to the man's house to perform the healing. What book, written by St. Paul, is addressed to the bishop of Crete? Titus. God taught St. Peter that the Gospel is for all people by sending him to Cornelius and his family. What was this man's occupation? A Centurion. "A mercy of peace, a sacrifice of praise." When the priest prepares communion at the prothesis table, a large triangular piece of bread, representing The Theotokos is placed to the left of the Lamb. To the right of the Lamb are the nine orders of saints.

**Metropolitan Saba** has made the following assignments, effective August 1:

- Bishop Anthony: Bishop of Los Angeles and the West
- Rt. Rev. Archimandrite Jeremy (Davis): Archepiscopal Vicar of the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest
- Rt. Rev. Calinic (Berger): Archepiscopal Vicar of the Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America
- Rt. Rev. Paul (Matar): Archepiscopal Vicar for the Diocese of New York and Washington, D.C.

**The Church observes the Dormition fast from August 1 to August 14.** The full traditional fasting is observed on all days of the fast from August 1st to 14th. Wine and oil are permitted on Saturdays and Sundays, and fish, wine and oil are permitted on the Great Feast of the Transfiguration.

**Fr Tom and Kh Meleah** celebrated their 43<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on July 25<sup>th</sup>.



## St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Church Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese

**Metropolitan Saba, Primate  
Bishop Thomas, Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic**

**Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM**

**Meeting at Compton Village  
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